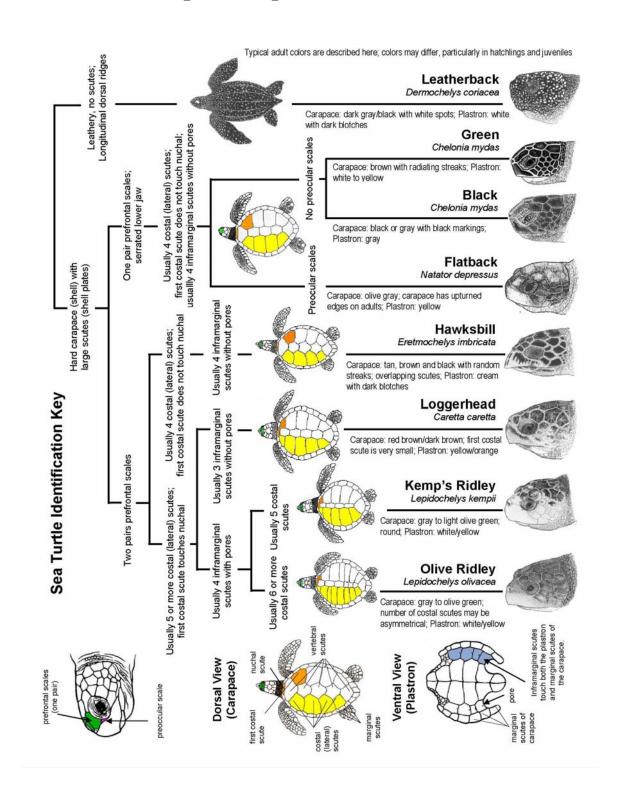
Chapter 1: Species Identification







Leatherback, Dermochelys coriacea (Spanish: Baula, Tortuga Laud, Tora; French: Tortue Luth; Portuguese: Tartaruga Gigante, Tartaruga-de-couro)

Adult Size Range: Length: 165-190+ cm/ 65-75+ in; Weight: 400-500 kg females, males to 900 kg/ 885-1985 lb Range: All oceans, sub-arctic to tropical; mainly pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean) but found in bays and over continental shelves

Green, Black*, Chelonia mydas (Spanish: Tortuga Verde, Tortuga Blanca; Tortuga Negra, Prieta; French: Tortue Verte; Portuguese: Tartaruga Verde, Aruanā)

Adult Size Range: Length: 90-120 cm/ 35-45 in; Weight: 120-230 kg/ 265-510 lb

Range: All subtropical and tropical seas; bays and coastal waters; black form restricted to eastern Pacific Ocean; pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean) small juveniles; benthic neritic (bottom dwelling in coastal waters) large juveniles and adults

*The status of the black turtle or eastern Pacific green turtle as Chelonia agassizii or C. mydas agassizii as a distinct species or subspecies is not supported, although it is often treated as such.

Flatback, Natator depressus (Spanish: Kikila, Tortuga Franca Oriental; French: Chelonée à dos Plat;

Portuguese: Tartaruga de Casco Achatado)

Adult Size Range: Length: to 100 cm/ 40 in; Weight: to 90 kg/ 200 lb

Range: Tropical coastal Australia, including the waters up to Irian Jaya, Papua New Guinea and Java; pelagic neritic (surface dwelling in coastal waters)

Hawksbill, Eretmochelys imbricata (Spanish: Tortuga Carey; French: Tortue Imbriquée, Tortue Caret; Portuguese: Tartaruga-de-pente, Tartaruga de Escamas, Tartaruga Bico de Falcão, Tartaruga Verdadeira) Adult Size Range: Length: 90-110+ cm/ 35-45+ in; Weight: 60-80 kg/ 130-175 lb Range: All oceans; tropical waters, rarely subtropical; reef areas; pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean) small juveniles; benthic neritic (bottom dwelling in coastal waters) large juveniles and adults

Loggerhead, Caretta caretta (Spanish: Caguama, Amarilla, Cabezona, Tortuga Boba; French: Caouanne; Portuguese: Tartaruga Boba, Tartaruga Comum, Tartaruga Careta, Tartaruga Cabeçuda, Tartaruga amarela, Careba Dura, Careba Amarela)

Adult Size Range: Length: 90-130 cm/ 35-50 in; Weight: 100-180 kg/ 220-400 lb

Range: All oceans; primarily subtropical and temperate waters; often associated with structures (i.e., reefs, wrecks, platforms); pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean) small juveniles; benthic neritic (bottom dwelling in coastal waters) large juveniles and adults

Kemp's Ridley, Lepidochelys kempii (Spanish: Tortuga Lora, Cotorra; French: Tortue de Kemp; Portuguese: Tartaruga de Kemp)

Adult Size Range: Length: to 70 cm/ 28 in; Weight: 35-50 kg/ 80-110 lb

Range: Gulf of Mexico, eastern USA, rarely in eastern North Atlantic; coastal, primarily subtropical and temperate waters; pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean) small juveniles; benthic neritic (bottom dwelling in coastal waters) large juveniles and adults

Olive Ridley, Lepidochelys olivacea (Spanish: Tortuga Golfina, Tortuga Olivacea, Parlama; French: Tortue Olivâtre; Portuguese: Tartaruga Oliva, Tartaruga Olivácea, Tartaruga Pequena, Xibirro)

Adult Size Range: Length: 70-80 cm/ 28-32 in; Weight: 35-60 kg/ 80-130 lb

Range: Pacific, Indian and Atlantic Oceans, rarely in eastern North Atlantic; pelagic oceanic (surface dwelling in the open ocean); most often in tropical waters

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